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1. Maintain or improve upon current standards of park access.~~Add between 4,000 and 8,000 of new parkland over the next 10 years, maintaining the current standard of 20 acres per 1,000 residents while striving to achieve 24 acres per 1,000 residents.~~

Access to quality parks, trails, and recreational opportunities is a priority for PARD. This will require dual strategies of increasing the safe and equitable access to existing parks and acquiring new parkland.
~~*Acquiring land that can be used for future parks as population grows is a priority for PARD.*~~ Austin's Parkland Acquisition Program selects sites that have the potential to preserve unique natural features, can be developed and maintained as parks, and meet community needs (e.g., in park-deficient areas). To improve upon current standards of park access, maintain a high park acre per person ratio, PARD will need to prepare for expected increases in population where planned near existing parkland and acquire new parkland at a much higher rate than in recent years where necessary.

1.1. Use Level of Service guidelines and park deficient area mapping to help determine and prioritize areas ~~for~~where increased population is expected and parkland acquisition and improved access where parkland is deficient.

1.2. Work with NHCD, ATD, and other city departments to prioritize activation of undeveloped parkland that can achieve a higher ratio of population within walking distance of a park.

1.~~2~~3. Seek out opportunities to increase public access to non-PARD owned parks and open space that would help to meet the city's need. Strategies may include access easements, formalized agreements, shared-use, or land transfer/acquisition.

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